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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Nine

Part B for april 20

SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements.
(Re future policy in respect of food control in the State.)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Food supply arrangements

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SECTION Kolar,
Fifth January, 1919.

D.O.No. C-2-59/19-20

CHIEF SECRETARY'S POLITICAL BRANCH. 6 JAN 1920

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith the Special Report on the Food Situation in the Kolar District for the week ending Saturday the 3rd. January, 1920.

The report was drafted by the Deputy Commis-sioner but before the fair copy could be ready for his signature, he had urgently to leave Kolar for Yelagondan-halli. He is expected back to-night.

To avoid delay, I am directed to sign the fair copy and submit it to you by to-day's mail.

Yours sincerely,

Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commis-sioner, Kolar District.

C.S.Balasundarama Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on JAN 6 1920
Reg. No. 4529

Sub° to the Dewan's perusal. It is perhaps desirable to send for Mr Malhan & discuss the situation with him & see what measures are necessary. The food situation is not free from trouble. CSJ 6/1/20

Perhaps on Thursday during Council meeting.

CSJ 6/1/20

Yes, write as proposed. CSJ 6/1/20.

Telegram sent to Mr Malhan by Express Runner at 5 P.M. 6-1-20

7.1.20

CSJ 3/1/20

Mr Malhan has been written to by Express Runner to-day

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DIARY NO.....

D.O. 8791
Ec. Dte.

Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bamp Arsikere, 1st January 1920.

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My dear Sir,

I beg to submit a copy of a D.O. letter I have received from the President of the Mysore City Municipality. Everywhere I hear the same story as given by the President, namely that prices are going up and that directly depots are closed down merchants will begin to sell food grains just as they pleased. In all parts merchants appear to be on the tiptoe of expectation that control would be removed almost immediately and that they would be free to send away grains outside the State. The recent Press Communique of the Government of India continuing the control over Burma rice for another year and fixing a very high rate for the purchase of rice is also having an unsettling effect. I shall take an early opportunity of placing the various aspects of the matter before you in person. In the meantime, may I respectfully suggest that a Press Communique may be issued that it is not intended for the present to remove the embargo on the export of paddy, rice, ragi and jola? I think this will have a steadying effect.

Yours sincerely,

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

PP File No. 64 of 1919

Serial No.	
1	An alternative draft of the Press Communiqué received from Mr Matthai is subd for orders. Dewan 6-1-20.
8	Very true, further, after further discussion with Council should be called in this case. 7.1.20
9	Fair draft of Communiqué as revised in Council is subd. Chr[illegible] 9-1-20
10	For approval Dewan. Appd by Dewan 9/1/20. Issue at once 9-1-20

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on JAN 6 1920
Reg. No. 4532

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | P-P File No. 6 of 1919-20

Serial No.	
	Draft G:6, on the lines of the Council decision on 8-1-20 is submitted for approval 9-1-20. Chief Secy Dewan Appd by Dewan 9/1/20 14 Issue 9-1-20
193	All Mem: No G 15610 dt 9.1.20 Publishes a Press Communique regarding the future policy in respect of food control in the State.
194	To the Revenue Dept, Police, Secretariats & Precedence of Ministers No G 15611-24 dt 9.1.1920. Issues further instructions in pursuance of the Press Communique issued under sl 193- To the R.C & other Offrs referred to in sl 194 No G 15739-51 dt 10.1.20. Forwards copies of press communique-

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No. 199

From the Food Controller to Myore
no 9092 & 11th Jan 1920.

With refce to G.O. & 9.1.20 (SL194)
regarding the continuance of
the food control operations,
suggests that certain measures
are necessary ~~to exercise~~
to be in connection with
the operations. The measures re-
commended are:-

15 (1) Posting of reliable Police sub-
-ordinates at all Rly stns to
see that controlled food grains
are not exported without licenses.
At present the Rly Police sta-
-tioned in the Rys under the
control of the state have been
entrusted with this work also.
On other sections a temporary
establt costing Rs 275 per mensem
is attending to this work (vide
letter no 17840 & 6.4.1919 from
the Dy of Police to G.O. No G 24251-6
P.P 66-18-236 & 22.4.1919).

16 The Dy of Police may be
consulted if any further
measures are necessary

The D.C. should circulate the
Dt. Supdts. and require them
& instruct all Inspectors to
freely inspect R? stations
where movement of food grains
is carried on a large scale

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(2) Test check of waggons to continue & the limitation that the test check shd be held once a week to be withdrawn

17 The Ry authorities have been addressed through the Residency for the continuance of the test checks - vide P 1741 of 10.1.20. The removal of the limitation is a fresh suggestion -

The Rs[t] may be addressed again in the matter.
MC

Hon F.
(Butler file

(3) Better supervision over frontier OOKads & frontier patrol police Ests -

18 The Revenue & the DG of Police may be asked to issue necessary instructions.

(4) Re-imposition of restrictions on the movement of foodgrains in the frontier belt of 10 miles.

19 The opinion of the Central Foodsupplies Committee may be awaited -

(5) Obtaining an allotment of 4000 tons of Burma rice & 500 tons of Bengal rice per month

It is very necessary that the Supdt. police and the S.D.O. should constantly keep in touch with this important subject and pay surprise visits to the OOKads & outposts.
MC

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for the next 4 months -

) Send for orders with regd to the points
Hg noted above and the pencil marginal
15/1/20 note.

MC
16/1/20

chiefsec?) 2) Action may be taken on the
lines suggested by the D.C

Dewan

Chf
16/1/20
MC
19/1

20.1.20

23. Draft please

Chf
20/1/20
MC

24 Two draft postcards

Hg
24/1/20 25. The draft note does not deal
with the question of test checks at Route
P.O. stations. As reply to the Regd made
by the Retd in this Connection is still
awaited. There was a request for the
continuance of the checks at this work
which was only weekly. The D.C. would
seem to be anxious to have it oftener

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Recd. on JAN 19 1920
Reg. No. 4826

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No necessary to wait - a reference in cont. may be made -

A further reference may be made after the receipt of the reply of the Rev. Comr.

~~A copy of the letter~~

Va The two drafts are now for approval

MK 24/1/20

24/1/20

Take action on this.

(Chief Sec.)

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on JAN 24 1920
Reg. No. 4985

2] For approval of drafts put up.

Dewan

CR 24/1/20 MK 24/1/20

Separate letters can be written

28 Drafts approved by the Dewan. 24.1.20

29 Issue MK

217 To

The Rev. Comr.

The I.G. of Police

The Fd. Controller

The Presidents, City and Cantonment Magistrates and Mysore

The Dy Comrs of Dists

The Agent, Mysore Railways.

G 17203-16 & 26-1-20.

Requests the Rev. Commissioner and Inspector General of Police to issue necessary instructions to officers concerned to guard against surreptitious export of the existing stocks

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of food grains outside the State:

218 To

The First Assistant Resident.

Pol 810 dt 26-1-20.

Requests the him to move the Govt of India to sanction a monthly allotment of 4000 tons of Burma rice and 600 tons of Bengal rice upto the next four months.

Copy to F.C. No. G 17280 dt 27/1/20

230 From the Food Controller

No A 9742 dt 30 Dec 1919

With refce to G.O. dt 9th Jan 1920 solicits orders on certain points:-

B

30 The 3 points on which orders are sought for are:-

(1) Permission to take over all the imported Burma rice from the upper ports the Jan: allotment for distribution to Co-operative Societies & Supply to Depts

(2) Whether Burma Burma rice of the Feb allotment

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which has been arranged to be purchased at Rangoon by Govt. should any be supplied to Govt depots & Cooperative Societies & whether part of the price may be entrusted to merchants & other private persons for sale under control

(3) Payment of rice taken over by Govt by the inspectors.

31. The proposal of the T.C. regarding (1) may be approved

32. Regarding item (2), the T.C has not offered any opinion. There is already plenty of Burma rice with the merchants obtained from Govt depots in Nov & Dec last. The T.C may be asked to favour Govt with his proposals in the matter.

33 The ~~cost~~ price of rice taken over from the inspectors may be adjusted by the T.C. as hitherto out of advances at his disposal

Mg 4/2/20

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24 The distribution of the Jan. allotment in the manner proposed by the T.C. in para 2 & 3 of his letter may be appd.

2 As regards Feb. allotment, the sale in the Distts & also in the cities may be kept & the discretion of the D.Commrs. No restriction need be imposed regarding sale thro' ind. depots and Cooperative societies only. If private persons come forward and offer & manage the sales, there is no reason why they should not be encouraged to do so under proper safeguards. This will ensure para 4 of the letter.

2 As regards the recoupment of price & the Importer, a compromise between the arrangement suggested by the T.C. and that in vogue, is at present possible. This is, to allow the T.C. & buy up from the Importer and settle his accounts. all the quantity required & pay for it himself Then if the D.Commrs are also placed in funds, they may be ind & pay at the time of indenting, the price of the quantities they require. This arrangement has the advantage of minimising unsettled balances in the T.C's office and shouldering the responsibility of maintaining proper accts in the offices of D.Commissioners, which is done in the office of the T.C. is of a temporary kind

For orders.

Chief Secy)

MK 4/3/20

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37 As regards the suggestions in para 5 of the F.C's letter, the Comptroller may be consulted who as to the most satisfactory arrangement [The importers are in touch with the FC & it will be most convenient if they took to him for payment &c - While cause great confusion if they have to deal direct with local officers -]

6/2/20

38 Forwarded with compliments to the Comptroller for favour of opinion.

By order
[illegible]
for Chief Sec[illegible]

6/2/20.

Elec: Offl: No: 185/R dt 11.2.920

In his letter No.742 dated 3rd February 1920, the Food Controller suggests the following three methods of payment:-

(1) Continuance of the existing system of settli the importers' bills after receipt of acknowledg-ments from the consignees (Deputy Commissioners, et of the actual quantity received by them, the pay-ments being made by the Food Controller.

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(2) Payments of importers' bills by Deputy Commissioners direct for the quantities supplied to them

(3) Payment in the first instance, by the Food Controller of bills for supplies received from importers and subsequent recoupment by Food Controller on bills sent to Depots (Deputy Commissioners, etc)

40 As regards (1) the Food Controller points out that there has been considerable delay on the part of consignees in reporting the actual quantities received and that this leads to delay in the settlement of importers' bills. During recent inspections by the Local Audit Department of this office, it has also been brought to notice that there has been inordinate delay and indifference on the part of consignees in reporting or even correctly taking to Stock Account the actual quantity received. Though Food Controller's Circular No.982-1015 dated the 17th September 1919.distinctly requires all consignees to report, within 5 days of the receipt of consignments, the condition and quantity of the Stock received, the rule is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. If this rule can be strictly enforced, as it ought to be the payments may conveniently be continued to be made as heretofore.

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(2) Payments to importers direct by the consignees:

+1 There will be considerable difficulty in arranging for funds, more especially in out of the way places and consequently this will not be feasible.

(3) Payment to the Food Controller of the full amount of the invoice instead of by weekly remittances of the sale proceeds.

Though this method of payment will enable the Food Controller to relieve his advance account promptly, the advance will be outstanding in the accounts of the several Deputy Commissioners instead of encumbering the Food Controller's accounts.

As, however, the further drawals by the Food Controller will be against the credits into the Treasury of the sale proceeds realised in the several depots, he will, as hitherto, have to maintain an account of the realisations and there will, on the whole, be no diminution of work. Besides, the control exercised by the Food Controller over the realisations from sale proceeds cannot be expected to be as effective under the third system of payments as under the first. I therefore think that the existing system may well continue. It will be necessar however,

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however to prevent the delay which now exists in the Deputy Commissioners acknowledging the receipts of consignments to the Food Controller, and the consequent delay in payment of importers which is the only reason urged against the first system of payments.

43 This should not however be construed to mean that Deputy Commissioners ~~xxxxxxxx~~ should divest themselves of all responsibility regarding the accounts to be maintained in their offices. It is also brought to notice that except in the case of stocks commandeered by Deputy Commissioners themselves complete accounts are not maintained in the District Offices, as required in this office Circular No.763/TAD A dated the 20th December 1918. The circular instructions should be adhered to.

J. Satyanaj ... Comptroller.

CV/11-2

11/12/20

Subd 44 for orders.

12/12/20

Chief

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45. I agree with the Comptroller. Please prepare a draft following his remarks, & also directing D-G to pay special attention to the points referred to.

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Draft sd
16/2/20
Chief Secr

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16/2/2

47 For approval
Dewan

CSD
16/2/20

MK
17/2

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on FEB 17 1920
Reg. No. 5675

48 I do not approve of the proposal that rice purchased and imported direct by Government should be sold through merchants. We have had abundant experience that no safeguards which do not amount to an assumption of complete control of the distribution of stocks in the hands of the merchants are of much good, and I do not see any advantage in creating facilities to merchants to secretly transport or hoard up stocks with the aid of rice purchased and imported by Government. The intervention of a merchant is likely to defeat the object with which Government imported the rice.

49 The system of licensing, although never satisfactory, may be tolerated as long as it obviates the necessity of direct employment of Government funds but when this is done there is no advantage in adopting a procedure that is likely to rob the consumer of the full advantages of Government intervention.

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The delay in obtaining the consignees receipts is scandalous. The officers to whom the goods are consigned should be held personally responsible to furnish receipts within five days of the receipt of consignment. The Food Controller should be asked to report to Government the name of the officers who fail to do so.

21.2.20

50 Please Revise draft & return see it

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51 Revised draft subd

23/2/20

23/2/20

Chief Sec'y

Secretary

265 To the F.C., Dy Com'r & Dt, Comptroller Presidency, B. Inc & Nigmn alg Mun Regr of Cooperative Societies & the Se to Govt: Fin Depn

No G 19752-65 & 26. 2. 20

Passes orders on S' 230

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Serial No. 266

From the T. A. Resident
No 1676 of 24. 2. 20.
With refce to Sl 219 forwards
a copy of letter no 317 of 11th Feb
1920 from the Dy Foodstuffs Contr
& subd for perusal. Draft
forwarding a copy of the Dy
Foodstuffs Contr to the T. C. is
put up
Ing ... Sy Dme and submit.
27/2/20

MK 27/2/20

268 To
The Food Controller
G 20068 of 28-2-20.
Fds for information a copy of letter
refd to in Sl 266.
Draft issued & file resubd
Ing
28/2/20 For perusal.

MK 28/2/20

Chief Secr)
Dewan

5.3.20.

CBS 2/3/20

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Letter file demanded by Dr VRS Rao
6/3/20

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH.
5 APR 1920

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, the 9th January 1920.

No. 15610
PR 6-19-193

Memorandum.

The following Press Communique regarding the future policy of Government on the Food Situation is published for general information.

By Order,

CSR 9.1.20

Chief Secretary to Government.

APO 9-1-20

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.

Press Communique.

Reports received from several parts of the State show that there is a general impression prevalent that the Government will shortly remove the existing restrictions on the export of food grains and that merchants are attempting to buy up the newly harvested crops at very high prices in the expectation of being allowed to export them at of otherwise profiteering on them. The Government desire to make it widely known that control will be maintained over the crop recently harvested and that they have no intention at present of withdrawing the restrictions on the export of paddy, rice, ragi and jola until normal conditions are restored. The control over horsegram will also be reintroduced at once. Not only will exports by rail be controlled by priority certificates, but frontier ookads and frontier police patrol staffs will be continued wherever necessary.

In view of the present seasonal conditions and of the satisfactory outturn of the crops now being harvested, and in the expectation that stocks would come freely into the

market

market and that prices would go down, Government considered it unnecessary to continue the sale of food grains through Government agency, and ordered the closure of the Government Depots in the mofussil with effect from the 1st January, 1920. It is now reported that stocks are being held back ~~forcer~~ from the market and that prices are being forced up. The Government desire to make it known that they will take all measures necessary, for keeping up sufficient supplies of food grains in the market by commandeering where necessary and for preventing profiteering, under the powers vested in them by the Defence of India Regulation. Sales will be organised through Cooperative Societies as far as possible and depots will be continued wherever necessary.

9-1-20

No. G. 15610 / P. P. 6-19-193

GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Dated Bangalore, 9th January 1920.

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C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
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Exd.—R. K.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore.

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R e a d:-

1. Government Order No.G.13905-7/P.P. 6-19-172 dated 17th December 1919 directing that the appointment of Mr. K. Matthan as Food Controller be continued till the end of January 1920 and that his office establishement and other establishment be also continued during the period.

2. Government Order No-889-91/C.B. 91-18-4 dated the 29th December 1919 permitting Mr. M. S. Ramachandra Rao Assistan to the ~~Food~~ Food Controller to continue in that post till the end of January 1920.

3. Government Order No.G.14767-83/P.P. 26-19-67 dated 29th December 1919 directing the closure of Depots in the -- Moffussil as early as possible after 1st January 1920, the sale of the stocks therein by auction and the closing of Frontier Ookads and Frontier Establishments on certain Frontiers at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioners concerned and of the Revenue Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

4. ~~Le~~ Letter No.8791 dated 1st January 1920 from the Food Controller in Mysore enclosing copy of a letter from the President, Mysore City Municipal Council on the food situation in that city.

5. Letter No.C.F.59/19-20 dated the 5th January 1920 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District regarding the food situation in that district.

6. Letter dated 6th January 1920 from the Food Controller in Mysore reporting the abnormal rise in the prices of food grains.

7. Government Notification No.926/C.P./35-19-4 dated 6th January 1920 posting Mr. K. Matthan, Food Controller in the Charge of the Bangalore District.

8. Telegram dated 7th January 1920 from the Secretary North Mysore Planters' Association.

Order No. G15 611-24 I.N. 6-19-194

Dated Bangalore, the 9th January 1920.

In view of the present ~~xfxthe~~ seasonal conditions and of the satisfactory out turn of the ~~crops~~ crops now being harvested, Government expected that stocks would freely come into the market and that prices would go down and considered it unnecessary to continue the sale of food grains through Government Agency. They accordingly ordered the closure of the Government Depots in the mofussil with effect from the 1st January 1920.

2. The reports now before Government show, however, that attempts are being made to ~~bring~~ up the newly harvested crops with a view to export them as soon as the embargo on export is removed, ~~and~~ that prices have been rising everywhere and markets are not adequately supplied.

3. Government have separately issued a Press Communique indicating the lines of their future policy and are now pleased to issue the following instructions in pursuance of the same:-

(1) The post of Food Controller and his Office ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ and the food control staff in all districts and taluks will continue until further orders, but the Deputy Commissioners, the Food Controller, the Revenue Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police will have discretion to disband any portion of the staff working under them that are considered unnecessary to give effect to the future arrangements. Depot staffs will however be disbanded except to the extent indicated in para(3)below.

(2) The Food Controller will take steps to import as speedily as possible the January allotment of rice from Burma and Bengal in its entirety. The imports may be arranged for as far as possible through merchants agreeing to sell under control

Co-operative Societies

(3) Sales of imported food grains should, as far as possible be arranged through Co-operative Societies and where this course is not feasible, through Government or Municipal Depots. Depots will be reopened for the purpose wherever the Deputy Commissioner or Food Controller may consider necessary, and on their being reopened, the staff previously sanctioned for them may be reentertained. Retail sales by importing merchants on their private account should be under strict control as in 1919.

4. The posting of Mr. Matthan ordered in the Notification of the 6th January 1920 read above is cancelled.

USB
9/1/20

Chief Secretary to Government.

9.1.20

9-1-20

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
The Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.
The Presidents, City Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner-s of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Press Table.

No. G. 15611-24—P. P. 6-19-194, DATED 9TH JANUARY 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

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In view of the present seasonal conditions and of the satisfactory outturn of the crops now being harvested, Government expected that stocks would freely come into the market and that prices would go down and considered it unnecessary to continue the sale of food grains through Government Agency. They accordingly ordered the closure of the Government Depots in the moffussil with effect from the 1st Jaunary 1920.

2. The reports now before Government show, however, that attempts are being made to buy up the newly harvested crops with a view to export them as soon as the embargo on export is removed, that prices have been rising everywhere and markets are not adequately supplied.

3. Government have separately issued a Press Communique indicating the lines of their future policy and are now pleased to issue the following instructions in pursuance of the same:—

(1) The post of Food Controller and his office and the Food Control Staff in all districts and taluks will continue until further orders, but the Deputy Commissioners, the Food Controller, the Revenue Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Police will have discretion to disband any portion of the staff working under them that are considered unnecessary to give effect to the future arrangements. Depot staffs will, however, be disbanded except to the extent indicated in para (3) below.

(2) The Food Controller will take steps to import as speedily as possible the January allotment of rice from Burma and Bengal in its entirety. The imports may be arranged for as far as possible through merchants agreeing to sell under control and through Co-operative Societies.

Government of his Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 15611-24—P. P. 6-19-194, dated 9th January 1920.

Food Control Operations.

Issues further instructions regarding the ——.

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No. G. 15611-24—P. P. 6-19-194, DATED 9TH JANUARY 1920.

(3) Sales of imported food grains should, as far as possible, be arranged through Co-operative Societies and where this course is not feasible, through Government or Municipal Depots. Depots will be re-opened for the purpose wherever the Deputy Commissioner or Food Controller may consider necessary, and on their being re-opened, the staff previously sanctioned for them may be re-entertained. Retail sales by importing merchants on their private account should be under strict control as in 1919.

4. The posting of Mr. Matthan ordered in the Notification of the 6th January 1920 read above is cancelled.

C. S BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.
The Presidents, City Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government.
PRESS TABLE.

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No. G 15739-51 Emb

1 The Revenue

2 The Dy of Police

To The Food Controller

The Dy Comrs of Dts

The Presidency of

Bangalore & Mysore

Atty Mr Connals

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for info & distribution among the mercantile community - Copies

A Press Communique of 6th June 1920
(both in English & Kannada)
regarding the [illegible]
[illegible] of the Judges
in regard to the futu-
re duties of Govt in respect
to Food control operations
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No. 9092.

Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore, 11th January 1920.

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From

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Food Controller and Director of
Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. G.15611-24/P.P. 6-19-194 dated 9th instant, regarding the continuance of the food control operations, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that owing to the raising of the price of rice in Burma by nearly 50 per cent (the price of paddy is Rs 180 per 100 baskets as against Rs 124 about this time last year) the level of prices of food grains during 1920 must be very much higher than the level that obtained in the year 1919. Burma rice of the cheapest quality, viz., Big mills special cannot be put on the market in Bangalore at a more favourable rate than 4¾ seers per rupee as against 5¼ and 5½ during last year. Our main efforts will therefore have to be directed to the stiffening of the arrangements for prevention of unauthorised exports. For this purpose the following measures are necessary.

(1) At all Railway stations from which food grains are usually booked, arrangements should be made to post a reliable police subordinate to see that controlled food grains are not exported without priority certificate or license.

(2) The test check of waggons at the frontier stations should continue and I would urge that the limitations that the check should be held only once a week should be withdrawn. When such tests can only be made once in a week there would be ample time between one inspection and another for controlled food grains being surreptitiously exported with the connivance of the railway staff.

(3) The frontier ookads and the frontier patrol police establishment require to be infused with new life and energy. Many of these officials have been far too long in their stations and some have become stale. A general revision and overhauling of the personnel of these establishments both subordinate and superior are desirable. The supervision exercised by the responsible local officers like Amildars and Sub Division officers over the ookads and by the District Superintendents of police over the frontier patrol staff has not, I feel, been sufficiently strict. Necessary instructions to ensure better supervision may be kindly issued.

(4) It has been reported from the Mysore, Chitaldrug and Bangalore Districts that after the withdrawal of restrictions in regard to the movement of food grains in the frontier belt of 10 miles, large stocks are being accumulated in the frontier villag with a view to clandestine removal. The question to what extent restrictions on the movement of food grains at the frontier should be reimposed wi will be considered at the next meeting of the Centra Food Supplies Committee and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts will also be consulted.

(5) It has not been possible to estimate now what stocks of Burma and Bengal rice will have to be imported during the coming months. An allotment of 2,000 tons of rice from Burma was asked for for January as stocks in the country are deemed to be adequate and it was expected that they would come pretty freely into the market. To be on the safe side, I would request that for the next four months we should obtain an allotment of 4,000 tons of Burma rice and 500 tons of Bengal rice per month. As these allotments are sanctioned by the Government of India, I would request that the Government of India may be kindly moved to sanction the above allotments. Any variation in the demand that may be found necessary in view of the reports of local authorities will, of course, be considered as heret fore by the Central Food Supplies Committee and their resolutions submitted for the orders of Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Food Controller & Director
of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

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v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

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Serial No. 47

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— Press Communique no G 1560 (0) / P. P. 6-19-1924

& G.O. No G 1561 (1) - 24 / P. P 6-19-1924 & 9th Jan 1924 regarding the ~~future~~ continuance of food control operations in ~~Order Thereon—No.~~ the State.

(2) Letter No. 9092 & the 11th Jan 1920 from the Food Controller in Mysore

Regarding the further
measures necessary
in the matter

Sir,—

I am directed that
in addition to the
arrangements indicated
in the Circular of the
9th inst. regarding the
further supply of foodstuffs
in the State, it is necessary
that the ~~restrictions~~ pre-
-cautions should be
— to prevent
(a) Persons passing the
Barriers (except the
Registered Stock of
foodstuffs in the
State. ~~Such also~~ They

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the several measures sanctioned by them in this connection, viz., test checks at frontier by Stns supervision ab by stns ~~over~~ booking of contracted goods without licenses frontier offices frontier police patrol are are not being worked ~~out~~ with sufficient care. The supervision exercised by the local officers over these rests has not also been sufficiently strict.

2. The Rev Comr the Deputy Collr are hereby requested to issue necessary instructions to ensure better working & stricter supervision

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Esth's ~~are also~~ - is also likely
- ~~Contrary~~ to ~~have~~ infuse
new life & energy
into them.

3. The proposals of the
Central Food Supplies
Committee in the matter
of relaxation of restrictions
on the movement of food
grains in the frontier
belt of 10 miles - are
awaited

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~~MK~~ 22/1/20 Yours sincerely

To The Hon'ble Commr
The Dy Comr
The Residents, Balochistan
The Dy Comr of NWFP
The Agent Mysore Rep

Hyderabad
Mr Cannels

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. Pol 810 Encl 2

Date of issue 26th January 20

Signed by Mr. C.S.B. Iyer

To The 7. A. Resident

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for the info of the Hon'ble the Resident a copy of the Press Communique & the Govt. order issued on the 9th inst regarding the future control of food supply operations

in the States it was expected
that with the harvesting of
the new crops, foodstuffs
would be freely coming into
the market and the prices
also would go down

~~+~~ all the Govt depots
for sale of foodstuffs
were ordered to be closed
from the 1st. Dec 18. ~~But~~ + But no sooner was this done
than the complaints reached
the Govt
led

that stocks were being
held back, & that more could
have purchasing ~~stocks~~ the new crops
at exhorbitant prices, [boxed: & list of enclosed the available prices in the States]
with the result that the
prices of ~~the necessaries~~ foodstuffs in the market
foodstuffs, rose ~~all~~ ~~enormously~~ still higher than
~~and~~ the Govt ~~had~~ instead of this
~~ordered~~ ~~immediately~~ ~~ordered~~
therefore the discontinuing of
depots ~~in all places~~ wherever necessary by
sale of foodstuffs, ~~[illegible]~~ to

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people at cost price -

To replenish the stock in these depots I have a monthly allotment of 4.000 tons of Burma rice & 500 tons of Bengal rice will be required for the next 4 months.

2. The Burma will be obliged if the Hon: the Resident will kindly move the Govt of India to sanction the above allotments. Any large variation in the demand that may be found ~~necessary~~ in view of the condition of supply in the Market will be intimated ~~taken into account in sending applications~~ to the Govt

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Tel : Address
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Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

Bangalore, Dated.. 3rd February .....1920.

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FROM

K. MATTHAN ESQ., B. A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

TO

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Proceedings No. G.15611-24 of the 9th January, regarding the continuance of food control operations for a further period, I have the honour to submit the following points for the orders of Government.

2. Depots have been ordered to be opened wherever necessary but no orders have been given as to how these depots are to be stocked. No stocks of local rice or ragi can be had except by local purchase or by commandeering and as regards imported rice the direction is that "imports may be arranged for as far as possible through merchants agreeing to sell under control and through co-operative societies". The matter having been placed before the Central Food Supplies Committee at its meeting held on the 23rd January 1920 it was resolved that "the Food Controller may buy up from the importers as much of the Burma rice allotted to Mysore as will be necessary

and sell it at depots (in addition to co-operative societies) in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners and utilise the stock on hand for urgent demands". A copy of the committee's resolution is enclosed for information.

3. In view of the demands that are coming in largely from several districts I propose taking over all the imported Burma rice of the January allotment except what has been allotted to the Kolar Gold Fields and what may be necessary for the Bangalore City and the Civil and Military Station. In these places sales can conveniently be arranged to be made through the importers themselves. This would leave only about 1000 tons out of the total allotment of 2,000 tons. Of this about 250 tons at least may be taken up by co-operative societies and the balance will be distributed among the several districts in accordance with the indents from Deputy Commissioners and with reference to the relative urgency of the demand. The available quantity is not sufficient to meet fully the demands even of the Kolar and Bangalore Districts.

4. As regards the February allotment I have been asked to arrange to purchase the rice in Rangoon and the Comptroller has been instructed to place me in funds. But the question is whether the rice purchased should only be supplied to Government and Municipal Depots and to Co-operative Societies or whether part of the rice may be entrusted to merchants and other private persons for sale under control.

5. There is next the question of payment for rice taken over from the importers. It unnecessarily adds to the cost if the rice is first delivered to me at Bangalore and then booked to various places. On the other hand when rice is booked direct to districts and taluks there has invariably been considerable delay on the part of consignees in reporting the actual quantities received, the weights or measurements, and quality of the rice etc. and this will lead to delay in settlement of importers' bills. It is therefore worth consideration whether for all rice delivered to districts by importers payments may not be made direct by the Deputy Commissioners. I make this suggestion as this would probably lead to a greater sense of responsibility on the part of local authorities than has been apparent in the past. If this is approved the Deputy Commissioners will have to be placed in funds by Government and they will be accountable directly to Government. Even in cases where the rice is purchased by me out of funds placed at my disposal it is worth considering whether the local authorities may not be required to pay me at once for supplies made to them out of advances to be obtained by them from Government. Under the system in force last year large advances would be outstanding against this office, and it would be impossible to adjust them until the foodstuffs supplied are actually sold in the several depots.

6. I request early orders of Government on the above points.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Food Controller & Director of Civil Supplies.

KM/MPH.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Central Food Supplies Committee held in the Office of the Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore at 8 A.M. on Friday the 23rd January 1920.

Subject No.3.

Government Order No. G 15611-24/P.P. 6-19-104 dated 9th January 1920 issuing further instructions regarding Food Control operations.

Resolution.

As it is found that markets are not well supplied, and prices have not gone down, the Food Controller may buy up from the importers as much of Burma rice allotted for Mysore as may be necessary and sell it at Depots in addition to Co-operative Societies, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners and utilise the stock on hand for urgent demands.

" Extract "

Food Controller and Director of
Civil Supplies in Mysore.

PP 6-9-26 &

Proceedings of the Government of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:--

Government Order No. G. 15611-24/P.P. 6-19-194, dated 9th January 1920, directing the further continuance of the food control operations in the State.

2. Letter No. A. 9742, dated the 3rd February 1920, from the Food Controller in Mysore, soliciting orders on the following points:-

(i) Taking over all the imported Burma rice of the January allotment - except what has been allotted to the K.G.F. and what may be necessary to the Bangalore City and the Civil & Military Station.

(ii) Whether Burma rice of the February allotment arranged to be purchased direct by Government should be supplied only to Government and Municipal Depots and to Co-operative Societies or whether part of the rice may be entrusted to merchants and other private persons for sale under control.

(iii) Payment for rice taken over from the importers.

3. Comptroller's unofficial Note No. 185, dated 11th February 1920, in the matter.

Order No. G 9752-65 PP. 6-9-265 dt 26.2.20

Government approve of the Food Controller's proposal to take over for supply

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to Districts all the imported Burma rice of the January allotment after meeting the requirements ~~fm~~ of the K.G.F. and the Bangalore City and the Civil & Military Station.

2. Government do not consider it desirable to entrust to merchants the sale of rice purchased and imported direct by Government. Arrangements ~~will~~ Signed accordingly be made for the sale of the Burma rice of the February allotment through Government and Municipal Depots and also through Co-operative Societies.

3. Regarding payment for rice taken over from the importers, Government agree with the - - Comptroller that the existing system of the Food Controller settling the importers' bills after receipt of acknowledgments from the - - consignees, may be continued. The Food Controller brings to notice that there has been considerable delay on the part of consignees in reporting the actual quantities received and that it leads to delay in the settlement of importers' bills, entailing payment of interest in many ~~cases~~ cases. The delay complained of is not creditable to the Officers concerned. The Officers to whom the goods are consigned will be held personally responsible to furnish receipts within 5 days of the receipt of consignment.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to pay particular attention to this matter and issue strict instructions to subordinate officers, warning them that any delays on their part in the matter will be seriously noticed. The Food Controller will report to

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Government the names of the officers who ~~fail to do so. show negligence~~ neglect this duty.

4. The Comptroller also brings to notice that except in the case of stocks commandeered by the Deputy Commissioners themselves, complete accounts of stocks commandeered or supplied are not maintained in the District Offices ~~xxx~~ as required in his Circular No. 763/T.A.D. dated 20th December 1918. -- The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are ~~also~~ requested to see that the instructions of the Comptroller are duly carried out.

Chief Secy. to Govt.

To

The Food Controller in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Govt.
The Presidents, City Municipal Councils, Bangalore & Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Registrar, Co-operative Societies
The Secretary to Govt. Financial Department

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 24th Feby 1920.

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Rifle

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, ~~with enclosure~~, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, for information, with reference to this letter No. Pol 8/10 dated 26th January 1920.

*No. 317 dated 11th February 1920 from the Deputy Secretary Commissioner for India

2. Copies of telegram No. 277 dated 4th February 1920 from the Foreign Secretary to Govt of India and letter No. 123-F.S. dated 6th February 1920, from the Govt of India in the Dept. of Revenue & Agriculture were forwarded to this office with letter No. 1139 dated 10th February 1920 and endt No. 1517, dated 19th February 1920, respectively from this office.

First Assistant Resident.

R. O. 178.—R. P. B.—1-1920.—1,000.

Letter No. 317, dated the 11th February 1920, from the Deputy Food-stuffs Commissioner for India, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 935, dated the 3rd February 1920, stating that the Resident supports the request of the Mysore Durbar for an allotment of 4,000 tons of Burma rice and 500 tons of Bengal rice to the Mysore State during 4 months.

In reply, I am to refer you to my telegram to the Resident No. 277, dated the 4th February 1920, stating that it is hoped if possible to supply the rice requirements of the Mysore State in future from provinces other than Burma and also to the letter from the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture to Local Governments etc., No. 123-F.S.. dated the 6th February 1920,

in which it is requested that intimation of the rice requirements of the Mysore State for a particular month should be given, by the Director of Civil Supplies, not later than the 15th of the preceding month together with information regarding the province from which supplies are desired. The Government of India regret their inability to commit themselves to a promise of a fixed quantity of rice for the Mysore State for several months ahead from Burma, Bengal or elsewhere as conditions in each Province vary from month to month, bu u may assure the Mysore Durbar that the monthly forecasts which are mitted to me by the Director of Civil supplies, Mysore, will cont to receive the sympathetic consideration of the Governmen of India as regards the quantities asked for and the sources of

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT. Sl 268

No. 20068

Dated Bangalore, 28/2/1920.

A copy of the marginally noted letter

No. 17	Rom Dy Food Supply
Dated 11th Feb 1920	Govt of India.

is forwarded with compliments to the Food Controller in Mysore for information. in continuation of this office no G 17280 dt 27th Jan 1920.

By Order,

27/2/20

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

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alternative draft
by
6.1.20

Reports received from several parts of the State show that there is a general impression prevalent that the Government will shortly remove the existing restrictions on the export of food grains and that merchants are attempting to buy up the newly harvested crops at very high prices in the expectation of being allowed to export them. The Government desire to make it widely known that they have no intention at present of withdrawing the ~~existing~~ restrictions on the export of ~~food grains~~ until normal conditions are restored. Not only will exports by rail be controlled by priority certificates, but frontier ookads and frontier police patrol staffs will be continued wherever necessary.

paddy, rice, rape + jola

+ Full control will be resumed over the harvested

In view of the present ~~improved~~ seasonal conditions, and of the satisfactory outturn of the crops now being harvested the Government have and in the expectation that stocks would come freely into the market and that prices would go down, Govt. considered it unnecessary ~~xkxnnnnnnnnnnx~~ to continue the sale of food grains through Government agency, and ~~have~~ ordered the closure of the Government Depots in the mofussil with effect from the 1st January. It is now reported that stocks are being held back from the market and that prices are being forced up. The Government desire to make it known that they will take all measure

The control over Hoarding will also be re-introduced

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measures necessary for keeping up sufficient supply of food grains in the market and for preventing profiteering, under the powers vested in them by the Defence of India Regulation.

Commandeering where necessary

Sales will be organised through cooperative Societies as far as possible and depôts will be Continued wherever necessary.

Press Communique:

Vide alternative draft put up by Mr. Wadhams

PM 6-1-20

In accordance with the declared policy of the Government to continue several measures restraining trade ~~until~~ only so long as they were absolutely necessary, Government have of late commenced relaxing restrictions in view of the new harvests, the greater facilities for transport consequent on cessation of the war and the easing of the market generally. With this object they have removed ~~certain~~ State restrictions ~~and also~~. They have in addition directed the abolition of all Government Depots in the mofussil. Government trust fully that the mercantile public will ~~rise to the occasion and~~ co-operate with them in gradually rehabilitating normal trade conditions and they look to the good sense of the mercantile community not to take to or encourage profiteering during the period of transition from the status of control to that of private trade.

Government view however with concern the increasing reports which are reaching them in regard to the raising of prices by interested parties in several places and to the tendency that seems to exist on the part of some to corner produce with the object of exporting it as soon as the embargo on ~~the~~ export is removed. Government desire it to be widely known that they ~~would~~ will not permit the interests of the general public to be jeopardised by the action of any particular class and they will not hesitate to take promt and effective measures for checking any such tendency if it should persist. They desire also to make known publicly that they do not intend to remove the embargo on the export of paddy, rice,

ragi and ~~xxxxx~~ jola, until ~~the lapse of some time after~~ normal conditions ~~are~~ have been established, and continue for some time. They hope that with the co-operation of the mercantile community the further continuance of any restrictive measures will be avoided.

D.O. letter dated 28th December 1919, from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, to the Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

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Food grains. My stores cleared out of everything, except about 640 pallas of fine old ragi, which I am purposely keeping (for reasons which I explained to you in person) for steadying the hands of merchants who are still doling out only in very small quantities and at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 seers the rupee. The moment our stock gets exhausted and as the new crop is yet to come, I am very much afraid they will begin to dictate their own terms and raise the prices to even 6 seers the rupee.

The extreme poor people will greatly suffer in the absence of broken rice also which they had till now to supplement their requirements.

Rice - Banumaiah and Thimmaiah saw me this morning and wanted us to give them not only what we had but also to get as much more of foreign rice as we could! This morning price of paddy was $21\frac{1}{2}$ rupees per kandy. It was about 11 or so this time last year! At Yedatore it was Rs. 20 to-day!

I do hope that Government wont relax export of rice and ragi and jola.

It seems to me it would be well if we could manage to import any kind of foreign rice which we can put in the municipal 6 shops at say from 5 to 7 seers as it is whole or brokens respectively only to aid the extreme poor. We shall require about 75 to 100 pallas per day for them only in our shops. To-day rice was 4 seers the rupee.

Copy.

Mantha